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To: Members of the staff at Headquarters

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for General Services

Subject: CATERING SERVICES

1. The new contract between the United Nations and the catering service provides for an increase in prices of several items, effective 1 April each year, if there is an upward movement of 5 per cent or more in the respective calendar year, or an accumulation of movements since the last increase of the consumer price index (CPI) for New York City, published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. The maximum increase in any one period is 5 per cent. In January 1991, the CPI rose by 5.8 per cent, which now allows for a price increase of 5 per cent.

2. However, upon the recommendation of the Staff/Management Catering Committee, the United Nations has negotiated with the catering service to exclude several items, such as coffee, tea, fruit, bread, muffins and rolls, as well as non-alcoholic beverages, from any price increase up to 1 April 1992. Thereafter, prices for these items will be increased only every other year.

3. Furthermore, the catering service has agreed that prices in the Staff Cafe will not be increased before 1 April 1992. Thereafter, prices may be adjusted in accordance with the provisions mentioned in paragraph 1.

4. After consultation with the catering service, prices in the staff catering facilities at Headquarters will be adjusted effective Thursday, 15 August 1991, and will remain in effect up to 31 March 1992. Owing to the effective date of increases as specified in the contract, the present price increase has, therefore, been delayed by four and a half months.

5. In accordance with the new arrangements of the catering contract outlined above, the following prices of the menus served in the staff catering facilities will apply:

(a) Breakfast items:

Muesli with milk	$1.20
Coffee, decaffeinated coffee, tea (small)	$0.55
Croissant, brioche	$0.90
Muffin	$0.75

(b) Lunch and dinner items:

The three-tiered price structure established for the hot entrees offered daily in the staff cafeterias will be priced at $2.40, $3.20 and $3.95 respectively.

Other items will be priced as follows:

Soup (cup/bowl)	$0.70/$0.95
Cold made-to-order sandwiches	$1.75 to $2.15
Hot deli sandwiches	$2.40 to $2.70
Hamburgers	$1.55
French-fried potatoes (small/large)	$0.70/$0.95
Onion rings	$0.90
Salads from the bar (small/large)	$1.40/$3.05
Pasta	$3.35/$5.45
Pizza (slice/small/medium/large):	
Plain	$1.30/$2.90/$7.60/$10.00
Extra cheese	$2.00/$4.65/$9.45/$11.55
Honey-dip chicken	$3.00
Vegetables	$0.70

Desserts will range from $0.65 for fresh fruit to $1.85 for pastries and cakes.